

MERCHANT PRINCES.

They Meet and Talk About a Credit System for Protection.

A BUREAU OF CREDIT THE THING.

There Seems to Be No Truth in the Rumor That Salaries to Salesmen Are Being Reduced—The Latest.

There is going to be a credit bureau among the retail dry goods merchants of Atlanta. The thing was fixed by a number of the representative merchants met at a meeting held at the Commercial Club last night. It was a dinner given by several of the leading merchants of Atlanta and was for the purpose of getting the firms of prominence interested in a plan whereby mutual protection in the credit business can be had.

Around the table at the dinner party were well-known representatives of the following firms: Chamberlin, Johnson & Co., J. M. High & Co., M. Rich & Bros., Douglas, Thomas & Davidson, Grambling & Nibbs, D. H. Dougherty & Co. and the Keely Company.

The dinner was fine and much enjoyed. The merchants seemed never happier than when they all gathered around the festive board and let petty warfare go to the winds, forgetting all price to beat some rival firm. Truly it did seem a picture of the lions and the lambs meeting at one and the same circle. No wonder that the merchants, rival kings of Atlanta's dry goods, folded their legs under the mahogany of the Commercial Club and contemplated the tempting dinner that confronted them.

By the time the merchant princes had finished their dinner the spirit of goodwill was flowing so abundantly that it was easy for them to take the floor and begin speaking about the purposes of the meeting, saying every now and then sure terms as "for the good of the trade," "for mutual protection," with a decided emphasis on the "mutual."

And thus the object of the gathering was approached and the men knuckled down to business. The speeches or short talks that were made by the merchants showed that every other line of trade is protected by some kind of credit system. There is the Wholesale Merchants' Protective Association, the National System whereby a black list is kept in every store, it was stated by some of the merchants in their talks.

The grocery merchants have some safeguards and why shall not the retail dry goods merchants do something to reduce the loss by giving credit? This, stated all of them. It was the meeting and there was much unanimity in the expressions that followed along this line.

Thus the meeting jogged along, with Mr. Johnson, of Chamberlin, John & Co., in the chair and Mr. Douglas, Thomas & Davidson, acting as secretary.

It was finally decided to appoint a committee of representatives from the firms of the city to take the hand the investigation of several systems of protection against the credit business and report to the next meeting of the merchants to be called by the chairman.

Will They Have Black Lists?

"You see," said a prominent merchant to a Constitution reporter, "we need this protection. We lose much by the credit business and ought to have some system about it. There is a system in vogue by a certain class of tradesmen to have each store number. This, stated all of them. I mean—makes a report to headquarters now and then of men trading with them on the credit basis, giving the amount of business he has in the store, and the list of the debtors of every firm is furnished to the firms of the association every week, and the firm can see whether they want to let the man have credit or not."

"I do not say that we will have such a system, because we do not know what will be the result. But it is easy to see that we need something of the kind, don't you think?"

As to Cutting Down Salaries.

The merchants all down March 28—Editor Constitution: Will you please publish this in your good paper for a mother who wants to know the whereabouts of her son, Samuel J. Bunn. When last heard from him at Splice postoffice, Perry county, Mississippi, he was on his way to New Orleans, where he was directly sent. If any of the readers of this paper know of him, please let him know. The Constitution I will be so thankful to the kind person that will let him know. He is a very good boy and has been in the care and labor of her dear son. He was a kind, accommodating and charitable and had no enemies. He was a very good boy and had no enemies. He was a very good boy and had no enemies.

At Newspaper Postage.

Postmaster Lewis has the following correction to make of an article in yesterday morning's Constitution:—In your paper of this morning you state that "the rate of postage on papers for two ounces is five cents." This is a mistake, as the rate on newspapers is 1 cent for four ounces and 2 cents for eight ounces. If this rate is not fully prepaid and no indication appears on the wrapper as to the postage, the papers never leave this office, but go to the waste basket. Very respectfully, H. J. LEWIS, Postmaster.

His Jaw Broken.

The Peculiar Accident Which Befell a Young Planter—News from Dawson.

Dawson, Ga., March 28.—(Special.)—Mr. Julius A. Sears, a young planter from the county, who was riding Saturday evening on a wagon, loaded with guano on his way from Dawson to his home, fell from the wagon and the wheels ran over his jaw, breaking it in three places. His sufferings are very great but it is thought that he will recover.

Social Notes.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Inman to the marriage of their daughter, Annie Martin, to Mr. John William Grant, on Tuesday evening, April 11th, at 8 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian church, after the wedding ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Inman will entertain the bridal party and a number of friends at an elegant reception. The happy pair will leave the same evening for the New York, where they will take passage for Europe.

Mr. Stephen Palmer, of Washington, Ga., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Henry B. Thompson, on West Peachtree street.

Miss Edith Howell and Miss Nellie Inman will arrive from New York the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Henry Grady, Mrs. W. B. Lowe and Miss Rebekah Lowe left for New York yesterday. Mrs. Grady will remain until June, when she will return to Atlanta with Miss Grady. Mrs. Lowe will return with Mrs. Lowe and Miss Lowe will return after Easter.

Mr. Henry Grady will leave for Sewanee, Tenn., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Clinton Bacon are at the Aragon where they will remain about a week. Mr. Bacon will be warmly welcomed by his many friends here.

Miss Alice Halliwell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frederick Hunter, in Washington, Ga.

The Young Ladies' German Club will give one of their charming dances the second week after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Howell have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Edie, to Mr. Robert Langdon Foreman, which will occur on the evening of April 12th.

The invitations were necessarily very limited from the fact that it is to be a home wedding and also on account of the recent affliction in Mr. Langdon's family. A few invited friends will witness the ceremony.

Miss Annie Bush, of Ansonia, is visiting Mrs. Porter at the Kimball. Miss Bush is one of Atlanta's most beautiful young ladies. She has many friends here.

The following is the programme for the next meeting of the Mallon Society, to be held Thursday, March 30th: Scotland, Ireland.

Instrumental Solo—"Tam O'Shanter"—Mena Kaurin.

Double Vocal—"Bonnie Doon"—Ora Smith, Marie McMahon, May Sheffield, Annie Nolan.

Recitation—"Father Phil's Collection"—Carrie Labadie.

Solo—"Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town"—Bertha Martin.

Characters—"Curly"—Hypochondriacs; "Characters"—Neil Fulton, Jennie Carraway; "Amie Eberlin, Gertrude Carrier, Anne Le Sueur, Marie Lette, Lenny Leno; "The Doctor, Gertrude Clarke.

Double Vocal—"The Meeting of the Waters"—Dorothy Brooks, Eleanor Fisher.

Concert Recitation—"The Meeting of the Waters"—Dorothy Brooks, Eleanor Fisher.

Vocal Solo—"O, Wad Ye Leave Your Home, Robin"—Cora Knox.

Instrumental—"Maid O'Dundee"—Jennie Carraway.

Recitation—"Come Back to Erin"—Ten girls from second class and fourteen from first class.

THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The Charter Granted and a Meeting Called for Today.

The charter for the Atlanta Charitable Association has been granted by Fulton superior court, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the office of the association, 16 East Hunter street, the incorporators will meet to formally accept the charter.

It is expected that every charter member will be present and the officers of the association will be elected. The meeting will be held at the office of the association, 16 East Hunter street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The meeting bids fair to be a very pleasant one, and it is expected that the association will be organized by the end of the week.

Mr. Charles Lamar, the well known baseball enthusiast and able correspondent of The Sporting News of St. Louis, will greet his many friends with a broad and happy smile this morning. But those who are away in Mr. Lamar's confidence will know that what smile means as soon as they see him turn the corner. It is only the fourth son that has come to the Lamar home and this one like all before it is a healthy fellow and can outweigh a ten-pound baseball bat at any time. Then why shouldn't Mr. Lamar smile as he comes down town this morning.

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A SNUG ROOM.

Made of a Dingy Cell at the Jail by Mrs. Hammond.

Soft, downy rugs, neat little tidies, white linen, and a number of other luxuries that make life pleasant transformed a dingy, ill-smelling room at the county jail into a picturesque and habitable apartment yesterday morning.

It was the room to which Mrs. Jeannette Hammond was assigned and a woman's deft fingers had wrought the wonderful change. The greasy spotted floor was spread with richly colored rugs. The prison cot was made up with clean, white linen, and nice bed clothing. A washstand was arranged in one corner of the room, and a flowered washbowl and pitcher placed upon it. Other little things were scattered about the room to give it as cheerful and as pleasant a look as possible.

Soon after installing herself in the room, Mrs. Hammond requested the jailers to allow no one to see her, and straightway became as exclusive as Miss Julia Force. By the way, Mrs. Hammond's room is directly opposite that occupied by Miss Force. It is on the first floor and has two windows looking into Fraser street. Heretofore, it has been used by a dozen moonshiners as sleeping quarters.

One of Mrs. Hammond's first acts at the jail was to engage the services of the negro girl who constantly looks after the wants of Miss Force to perform the same office for her. She pointed the girl to allow no one to enter the room without first asking her. She was in moody spirits and refused to see reporters. Last week she had been in the room with a newspaper man.

Her only visitors during the day were Mr. Hubert Culbertson and Mr. W. F. Moyers, lawyers, and a number of other men and talked over the case. He returned later in the day with a good many things from her home at Bellwood and proceeded to make comfortable the room in which his daughter was confined. The old man is a steadfast believer in his daughter's innocence.

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Decisions Rendered Monday, March 27, 1893.

REPORTED FOR THE CONSTITUTION

By Peoples and Stevens, Reporters for the Supreme Court of Georgia.

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